

1 We felt on our Committee that this was a fact
2 that could not be brushed aside, it had to be taken into
3 account. ~~What we are doing here today,~~ I forgot the vote,
4 I can give it to you in a minute -- it was overwhelmingly
5 in favor of this thing. This in view of the fact the Court
6 of Appeals itself had said it was ~~formerly~~ unconstitutional.
7 You couldn't have an issue where the spotlight was more
8 directed on the subject matter.

9 THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Hanson.

10 DELEGATE HANSON: I would agree with the direc-
11 tion of the spotlight and importance of the subject matter,
12 but assuming with me for a moment that whatever is said
13 here so long as the law is not repealed by some action in
14 this new Constitution that the farm land assessments Act
15 or some similar act giving tax advantages to bona fide
16 farmers is to remain on the books in Maryland, why did
17 the Committee decide to use the mandatory "shall" in
18 the creation of any classifications that require the
19 establishment of a class for agricultural uses rather
20 than to continue the current language of the Constitution
21 which is permissive where it says in Article 43, the